

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on January 10, 2007
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary
Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 62, 1/8/2007; SB 63, 1/8/2007;
SB 64, 1/8/2007
Executive Action: SB 62, SB 63

HEARING ON SB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:06 SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 62,
Increase payment to advisory board members.

EXHIBIT(sts06a01)

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:39 Sen. Joe Balyeat to Sen. Cobb

00:05:21 Sen. Joe Tropila to Sen. Cobb

00:05:44 Sen. Dave Lewis to Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:17 Sen. Cobb

HEARING ON SB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:41 SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 63,
Increase payment to quasi-judicial board members.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:06 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Sen. Cobb

00:12:17 Sen. Carolyn Squires to Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:09 Sen. Cobb

HEARING ON SB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:22 **SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9**, opened the hearing on **SB 64**,
Increase membership in state group health insurance.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

00:18:24 Connie Welsh, Health Care & Benefits Division,
Department of Administration (DOA)

EXHIBIT(sts06a02)

Informational Testimony:

00:24:52 Nick Robinson, Montana University System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:05 Sen. Cocchiarella to Ms. Welsh, DOA

00:27:57 Sen. Lewis to Ms. Welsh, DOA

00:29:14 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Sen. Cobb

00:31:00 Sen. Essmann to Ms. Welsh, DOA

00:32:09 Sen. Balyeat to Ms. Welsh, DOA

00:35:41 Sen. Joe Balyeat to Sen. Cobb

00:39:01 Sen. Rick Laible to Mr. Robinson, Montana University
System

00:43:23 Sen. Squires to Mr. Robinson, Montana University System

00:46:40 Sen. Squires to Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:51 Sen. Cobb

Discussion:

00:51:33 Sen. Squires to Connie Welsh

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 62

00:52:25 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 62 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BALLYEAT
was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 63

00:53:15 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that 63 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:54:16 Sen. Balyeat

00:57:14 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:59:36 Sen. Squires to Dave Bohyer, Research Director,
Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:02:45 Sen. Laible to Sen. Cocchiarella

01:05:37 Mr. Bohyer, LSD to Sen. Lewis

01:06:09 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:07:32 **SEN. GALLUS withdrew the DO PASS motion.**

ADJOURNMENT

01:07:48

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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